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It is to be understood that while the invention has been described in conjunction with the detailed description thereof, the foregoing description is intended to illustrate and not limit the scope of the invention, which is defined by the scope of the appended claims. Other aspects, advantages, and modifications are within the scope of the following claims.--

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-9.

Add claims 10-24.

--10. (New) A method of alleviating pain in an inflamed or painful joint of a mammal, comprising administration of an effective amount of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof by injection into the region of an inflamed or painful joint to obtain alleviation of said inflammation or pain. LAB

11. (New) The method according to claim 10, in which the joint is affected by a disorder from tennis elbow, housemaid's knee, frozen shoulder, inflamed knee joints and hip and back pain associated with inflammation or restricted movement in the spinal vertebrae. LAB

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12. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the derivative is a salt of pantothenic acid.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the salt is the calcium salt. LAB

14. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the injectable medicament comprises an aqueous solution of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof. LAB

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the medicament is co-administered with a local anesthetic.

16. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the medicament is co-administered with cysteine or glucosamine.

24. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises phosphatidyl glycerol.--